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Dear Steve,

Your 1/24 letter arrived today and I'm glad to get it because from what Jonn Christian and Hal Verb have arranged and are arranging in S.F., I may need the day of 11/25 to use all they are making available. However, if you people down there come up with a full schedule, I think I can delay my departure for Dallas for a day. I have a three-hour talk show lined up for 11/20, ~~xxxx~~ 9 p.m. Of course, it is possible for me to delay into 11/20 and still make it if the planes are compatible. I'm sending Jonn a copy of this so he'll know and he'll tell Hal.

The rest, good. By now you know the arrangements on the books. They are in LA and available to you in my name from Manny Lopez, California Magazine Co., 747-9563. Remember, no mentions before a.m. 11/1, and no copies sold until then. I suggest that you get your sales copies from them on a straight business arrangement. I've made arrangements for free press copies. If you have any certainties in radio, TV, please let Lopez know. It helps. Please also keep a rrecord of what you do with them, if it is not too much trouble, so I can account to Canyon (Parallax). If you need more than 50 before I get there, which I doubt, you can get them.

I welcome the opportunity to speak under CCI auspices, but I raise this question in the light of your previous comment about the greater desireability of speaking under Associated Students' auspices: would it preclude this at a later date? I have a promise from Parallax that if the book does well enough to justify it they will send me on another trip (which I'd prefer to be after the Xmas holidays). We are shoe-stringing this, and half the costs of my travel, etc., I bear. So, I could use the fee you say CCI pays to help defray the costs of a second west-coast trip. Can you get a commitment for late January or early February from them.

Because I do not know how full San Francisco will be and because you have given me no phone, would you please check with Jonn, whose office number is SU1-0869, to see if they need me in SF on 11/15 if you and Bill and whoever else may be helping can arrange a schedule without that day? Jonn also has Los Angeles connections and may have lined something up for me there. He also may have a connection with Yorty and may be able to arrange an appearance there if they are not on too-bad terms. Someone in NY is supposed to be working on the Pyne (ugh!) show.

So you'll know my schedule, I leave here early a.m. 10/30 for NYV, where I may be reached c/o Parallax, 421-8050, am in Phila night 11/1 (Jack McKinney, WCAU) for night talk show, return home sometime 11/2, leave early a.m. for N.O., where I'll be with Jim until late afternoon 11/8, thence to Chicago, leaving night 11/10 for SF, where Jonn and Hal will know where I am. I'll be with one of them about all the time.

If you have me making any speeches, please try and arrange for me to be able to sit down. I think I cannot tell a man as young as you how weak and tired I am (in body only), and I apparently have a few not-serious medical problems. It would be awkward to sit without a mike that can get that low.

I have already made photocopies of all the many documents supporting this New Orleans book and will have them. They are suitable, in many cases, for TV and newspaper use. I'll also have many other documents and a few pictures with me.

On Kromen: thanks for the lead, but these extra things are now beyond my capacity. My financial state severely limits me and from now on I'll have to try and get what I've started to write or have ready for writing done as fast as I can. This means I have much too little time. Looking forward to seeking you all again.

Best,